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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **New Bedford Secures \$345,000 in Seaport Council Grants** Port Development Projects in Cue

**New Bedford, Massachusetts-** On Friday, December 21, 2007, Mayor Scott W. Lang addressed the Governor's Seaport Council on Port Development on New Bedford's continued port improvements and proposed future projects. The Governor's Seaport Council awarded New Bedford \$345,000 in port development funding and nearly \$300,000 more to be shared with the Port of Fall River for port security infrastructure.

The Governor's Seaport Council grants will support the engineering of a paved boardwalk along the New Bedford Hurricane Barrier, as well as the engineering of a dock system and boat ramp at the Gifford Street public landing. The funding will also provide for cleats, ladders, and the replacement of the cap log for the South Terminal commercial fishing off-loading facility.

"Through the work of the City of New Bedford, the Governor's Seaport Council under the leadership of Lt. Governor Timothy Murray and Richard Armstrong, as well as our legislative delegation, the Port of New Bedford continues to make progress in the area of port development. We look forward to implementing projects that promise to sustain the economic vitality of our maritime industries and enable our community to utilize and enjoy the waterfront," said Mayor Scott W. Lang.

The funding comes from a \$300 million legislative bond bill dedicated to the development of port resources and the revitalization of working waterfronts.

"By fostering the growth of New Bedford's waterfront we can help mature the local economy into a thriving center of commercial and recreational activity. I envision a time in the near future when this number one fishing port is complimented by portside cafes, shops, restaurants and visiting cruise ships," said Senator Mark C. Montigny, chairman of the capital bonding committee and author of the Seaport Bond Bill.

“With the official vote in tact, we are pleased to be able to move forward with these important projects that support the commercial fishing industry and improve public access to the working waterfront,” stated Kristin Decas, Executive Director of the Harbor Development Commission.

Dr. Brian Rothschild of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology also spoke before the council about the need to combine science with the harvesting of fisheries to ensure an appropriate balance between conservation regulations and the health of our fishing industry.

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